

## Francis Preston Blair to Andrew Jackson, January 19, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>FRANCIS P. BLAIR TO JACKSON.

Washington, January 19, 1845.

My Dear General, Your letter to Gouverneur (who now lives in this city) was handed to him by Major Lewis at my request. He promised to comply with your wishes and I have been for two days anxiously waiting the reception of the copies of the correspondence between you and Monroe, to make a complete exposé in the Globe. Lewis has read all your letters to Monroe and assures me that there is not one word in any of them going to show your approval of the Treaty at the time it was made or after —nothing, in a word, but what appears from the copy of your letter found with Monroe's among your papers and sent you by Major Lewis, which showed only that you were disposed to stand by the Administration and sustain it against the factious attempts of Clay. I think from the whole face of the transactions of 1819–20 as presented in these contemporary letters, I shall be able to aduce strong proof to fix the lie on old Adams and his false diary, saying that he consulted you in the formation of the Treaty, at the request of Monroe.

It appears from Monroe's letter throughout that he was then in 1820 offering reasons to satisfy you with what he had done in 1819 and asking your support in a state of things which were in fact fraud upon him. Whereas if he had consulted you and made the treaty under your advice he would have appealed to you to unite with him in maintaining the work of your own and his joint counsels. I see also in the correspondence much that will redound to your glorey as a patriot and contrast you finely with the ambitious character, the reckless military chieftain, that Clay has endeavored to make for you out of

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the events of the time, upon which those letters shed so much light. I wish I were near you to confer upon these matters and get the facts which the correspondence will bring up in your memory, but I see enough in the letters to do you immortal 0390 366 honor and crush your enemies. And you may rely upon it that I will devote my heart and soul to do you full justice and put your heel upon the heads of the vipers that have attempted to wound you.